SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Breath of Spring. robin's note in the orchard, thrill through the sunny air— n a flush of expectant waiting, nd a breathlessness everywhere.

The patient fields lie listening,
The wailing winds are still,
And white, white clouds drift silently
Above the bare, brown hill.

Then a stir in the edge of the forest, The flash of a blue bird's wing, And we catch through the singing silence The far faint-breath of Spring.

'Tis only a breath, a whisper, And swift she has slipped away— Too rare for our longing vision, Too fair for the light of day.

But far in the edge of the forest We find-or our faith had failed— A cloud of blossoms, rose and white, Where the hem of her garment trailed—Eleanor C. Hull, in March Designer.

Pussy Willow.

What are those willow folk about?
Before 'tis Easter they are out,
And wearing hoods of pale-gray down
All banded 'round with satin brown.

Why don't they wait 'till April time Has thought to ring the woodla chime,
Then spend their pence for bonnets new,
And have them trimmed with pink or

-Selected.

Interesting Wedding.

A wedding taking place recently in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Minneapolis, Minn., that of Miss Katherine Wheaton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, to Mr. Philip Bickerton Winston, possesses much interest for Richmond and Virginia people where Mr. Vinston has scores of relatives and friends.

"Town and Country" of March 10th, in giving a brilliant account of the wedding celebration, says: The bride made her debut three years ago. Mr. Winston belongs to an old Southern family. He is the only son of the late Philip B. Winston, of Minneapolis, who was one of three brothers to come North after the war and make fortunes in great railroad enterprises.

The bride was radiant in ivory satin and point lace, an heiricom in her family, and the wreath of orange blossoms that held her veil in place had been worn by her mother at her marriage. There was a group of charming bridesmaids, led by a matron of honor, Mrs. Charles A. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, the bridegroom's sister, who was very elegant in a lace gown and hat. Mr. Winston had a group of well known Twin City men as ushers. Mr. Robert D. Stewart, of St. Paul, was his best man. Mr. Winston and his bride left after a reception to go to Cuba for a wedding trip. They will be visitors at "Courtland," the old Winston home, near Hanover, Va., before they return to Minneapolis, and will spend the summer in a coaching trip through England.

Launching of Jamestown,

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Launching of Jamestown.

The new fireproof sidewheel steamer, the Jamestown, which the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company is building at Newport News, will be launched at 2 P. M., Saturday, March 17th, and guests to the launching will be lunched at the Hotel Warwick directly afterward. A trip on the steamer Newport News through Hampton Roads and Norfolk harbor, past the site of the Jamestown Exposition, will follow.

Lecture at Art Club.

There will be a lecture at the Art Club on "Handon," next Thursday evening, March 15th, at 8:30 o'clock, by Mr. de Taruowski, who is here from Paris, as-sisting Mr. Valentine in the execution of the Mercer and Davis monuments. Each club member has the privilege of bring-ling a guest.

King's Daughters' Meeting.

The Williams Memorial Circle of King's Daughters, will meet on Tuesday afternoon, March 13th, at 4:30 o'clock, with Miss McCurdy, at "The Snenandoah," corner of Grace Street and Allen Avenue.

Personal Mention.

Miss Alice Odell, of No. 2020 West Main Street, has gone for a six week's visit to Mrs. Henry Hirschbill, of New York.

Mrs. Frederick Davidson Mason has re-turned from a short visit to her aunt, Mrs. A. E. Kerr, of Burkeville, Va.

Mr. Marshall Henry and family, of Brookneal, Va., are visiting friends here. Mrs. Edwin A. Alderman, wife of the president of the University of Virginia, and little son, are visiting Mrs. Alder-man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hearn, in New Orleans, La.

Miss Annie Rose Walker, who has been spending some time with her brother, Mr. John Walker, has returned to Stonleish Court, Washington, D. C. Miss Perkins, daughter of Senator Perkins, of California, who has been Miss Walker's guest, accompanied her to the capital city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Denman Ewing and little son are the guests of Mrs. James N. Dunlop, in Richmond,

The adjourning of the Legislature and the departure of the wives of members causes much regret among their friends in Richmond. Many of these ladies have been entertained at the Woman's Club and other social centers; where they have added much to the pleasantness of the and hour.

Mrs. John Hirschberg and Miss Balley have returned to the city, after a visit to their grandmother. Mrs. Georgo W. Tabler, of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. George B. Walton, of Portsmouth, has come to this city to meet her brother, Mr. Rober Thrift, whom she has not seen since she was a baby, thirty-aight

Judge E. E. Montague, of Hampton, spent several days in Richmond this

The Rev. B. M. Beckham, of South Boston, Va., spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Royall Beck-ham, who is undergoing treatment at Dr. Hodge's sanitarium.

The athletic meet to be held in the Norfolk Horse Show building on March 17th, is attracting much interest. Rich-mond, Raieigh, New York, Baltimore,

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Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Ellot Norion.

LOVE GOES A-HAWKING

By THOMAS LOVELL BEDDOES.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

A-ho! A-ho!
Love's horn doth blow,
And he will out a-hawking go.
His shafts are light as beauty's sighs.
And bright as midnight's brightest eyes,
And round his starry way
The swan-wing'd horses of the skies,
With aumoris music in their manes With summer's music in their manes, Curve their fair necks to zephyr's reins, And urge their graceful play.

A-ho! A-ho!
Love's horn doth blow,
And he will out a-hawking go.
The sparrows flutter round his wrist,
The feathery thieves that Venus kist
And taught their morning song,
The linnets seek the airy list,
And swallows, too, small pets of Spring,
Beat back the gale with swifter wing,
And dart and wheel along.

A-ho! A-ho!
Love's horn doth blow,
And he will out a hawking go.
Now woe to every gnat that skips
To filch the fruit of ladies' lips,
His felon blood is shed;
And woe to files, whose airy ships
On beauty cast their anchoring bite,
And bandit wasp, that naughty wight,
Whose sting is slaughter-red.

WILL EVEN SURPASS

CREAT EIFFEL TOWER

Lofty Structure to Be Put Up at

the Jamestown Exposition.

Relays of Elevators.

on the several different noors, and they propose making the tower a veritable exposition itself. When it is realized that to-day seventeen years ago after the Eiffel masterplece of engineering was reared, it is still a profitable investment, it will be imagined what interest will be created by this lottier structure.

THE BUGLE.

in Handsome Style.

DIED IN HOSPITAL.

Hatchway Delirious to End.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March II.—John Robinson, of Baitimore, coal passer aboard
the Merchants' and Miners' Line steamer
Powhatan, died at St. Vincent's Hospital
here to-day. He fell down the hatchway
aboard the steamer seven days ago, fracturing his skull. He was taken to the
hospital unconsclous and remained delirious. His body was sent to Baltimore
to-night for burial, his wife, who came
to attend him after he was hurt, accompanying it. Robinson was about thirtyseven years old.

Mrs. M. J. Hunt,

of Washington, D. C., Will exhibit at Hotel Jefferson,

on March 22, 23 and 24, a beauti-

ful assortment of French Hats,

patrons in Richmond.

Miss Mary Hume, who has been vis-ting friends here, has returned to her home in Dalby's, Va.

Miss Jane Echols is the guest of Mr and Mrs. W. T. Tucker, in Portsmouth.

Mr. J. L. Neal, of South Boston, Va., spent several days in Richmond last week.

Mrs. Harry R. Houston, who has been spending some time here, was recently called to Hampton on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary B. Watkins.

Mr. W. C. L. Taliaferro, of Hampton is in the city on business.

The Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans, of Monumental Episcopal Church, preached an eloquent sermon at Christ Church, Alexandria, Friday evening from the text: "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jews."

Mr. Charles W. Rex was recently a Hampton making arrangements for the opening of Buckroe Beach for the sum-mer season.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Maud L. Edwards, of York county, Va., to Mr. B. C. Savage, of Newport News. The merriage will take place Wednesday, March 14th, at Emmaus Baptist Church, York county.

Dr. H. S. Beit, of South Boston, Va., spent several days in Richmond last week on professional business.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry D. Howe, Mr. Albert Howe and Miss Hattle Howe, of Hampton, salled from New York several days ago for Jamaica, where they will spend ten days visiting the islands.

"Town and Country" says: "Society in Florida is living out of doors. At Magnolia Springs it is the man with the gun, who is the most joyful and the hero of the hour. This year bags of qualls, according to stories wafted northward, have been tremendous. In fact, every evening the office of Magnolia Springs Hotel resembles a game market."

DWELLING BURNED.

Family Have Narrow Escape and Nothing is Saved.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, VA., March II.—At a late hour Thursday night the residence of J. Wilson Miller, near Hampden-Bidney, was destroyed by fire. The family made narrow escape from the building, and nothing of furniture or wardrobe was saved. The house formerly belonged to the Reynold's estate. The origin of the fire is not known, and it is reported to have been covered by insurance. Mr. Miller recently came to this county from Pennsylvania and bought the place, which is very desirable owing to its nearness to Hampden-Sidney College.

SHOVED INTO WATER.

Man Who Heard Cry Only Saw Hat Floating on Surface.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., March 11.—Frank Hudson, a negro, twenty-eight years old, employed as a longshoreman by the At-lantic Coast Line Raliroad, fell off of one of the company's barges at the slip in this city yesterday afternoon and was drowned. The clerk on the barge heard drowned. The clerk on the barge heard the cry as Hudson went overboard, and reached the door of the barge in time to see his hat floating on the water. It was said that Hudson and another negro had had a quarrel, and that Hudson was shoved into the water.

MILL BURNED.

Fire Was of Incendiary Origin, and Plant Totally Destroyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SCOTTSVILLE, VA., March 11.—The large flouring mill at Esmont was burned this morning. Between two and three this morning. Between two and inree thousand dollars' worth of flour was destroyed, besides the cooper shop and the mill itself, worth \$20,000. There was but little insurance on it, and none on the flour and cooper shop. The fire started about 2 o'clock, and was of incondiary origin. cendiary origin.

Elegant Entertainment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALKERTON. VA. March 10.—Miss
at Walker, of Walkerton, entertained
Friday evening most delightfully,
less of all kinds were played and
tily enjoyed. Dainty refreshments greatly enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served later in the evening. Those present were the Misses Mc-George, Ellen Walker, Louise Stacy, Nande Crump, Maria Collins, Bessie Leonard, Mrs. B. B. Bagby and Mrs. Sam Blanton: Messrs. Porter and Clyde Vaughn, C. C. Caldwell, Malcolm Burke, Clarence and Arthur Simmonds, Douglas Harrower, Leonard McGeorge, Walter Wilson, H. Watkins, Ben and William Walker, Robert Caldwell, Clyde Garreth and Dr. B. B. Bagby. B. B. Bagby.

Casket Containing Jewels Disappeared When Livermore Mansion Burned,

Mansion Burned,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, March II.—That a jewel chest containing \$50,000 worth of gems, belonging to the John R. Livermore family, disappeared during the incendiary fire at the dwelling in Bedford, N. Y., on Thursday night, and that the casket was stolen by the man who set the fire, is the belief of detectives who are watching the ruins.

That the villagers believe that the fire was of incendiary origin is shown by a meeting of the Vigliance League yesterday, when cilizons met to discuss the serious situation that confronts them.

The powerful motive which the presence in the house of 80 valuable a collection of jewels furnished to would-be robbers for setting fire to the mansion has convinced cilizens that the destruction of the Livermore mansion is but a recurrence of the outrages of last Autumn, which created a veritable reign of terror. It was only by the merest chance that many lives were not sacrificed in the destruction of the house. When at midnight Thursday the mansion was discovered ablaze, fifteen persons were sleeping there. The two Livermore children—Glayds, aged four, and "Jack," aged three—had been left at home with two governesses by Mrs. Livermore when she hurrled to New York the day before, to the bedside of her hushand, who was critically ill at the home of her father, Eleven women, sleeping on upper floors, escaped in their night dresses.

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FISH RUNNING. Point of Scissors Found in Mrs.

Daley's Brain.

Daley's Brain.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 11.—
Fish, which are coming to this market from the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers and their tributaries, are of the common varieties. Good rock, perch and shad are exceedingly scarce. Herring have not commenced to run in any numbers, but in a few days, with favorable weather, it is thought that they will be caught in quantities.

Mrs. Maggie Daley, who attempted suicide recently here and was carried back to the Western State Hospital, at Staunton, is in a precarious condition, Information from the hospital is to the effect that the point of the scissors, which she had used in attempting to kill herself, was found imbedded in her brain.

Rev. W. W. Walker, of Westmoreland county, father of State Senator C. Harding Walker, who was paralyzed some time ago, is so much improved as to he able to ride out.

Miss Elia J. Billingsley, of King George county, has been put in temporary caarge of the Mary Washington Hospital here until a new superintendent can be secured.

Mr. A. W. Embrey is erecting two

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFCLK, VA., March 11.—An English Company has applied for a concession to erect at the Jamestown Exposition a tower, which will surpass in height the famous Tour Elfel of Paris, which for seventeen years have ranked as one of the wonders of the world.

This lofty structure, though it will be situated nearly 90 miles from the seacoast, may be seen by captains of the coast steamers plying the Atlantic. Ten thousands or more incandescent lights will be attached to the tower and a mammoth searchlight placed at its apex will bethe the tower for miles around with bright light.

oured.

Mr. A. W. Embrey is erecting two
handsome dwellings on his fine lot on the
corner of Winchester and Lewis Streets.

DANCE IN HANOVER.

Delightful Party in Honor of Miss Alma Samuel.

will bathe the tower for miles around with bright light.

It will require no less than six relays of elevators to reach the top. These various "lifts" as they are called in England, will terminate at platforms or stories, where it will be necessary to change cars. The cable required for each series of elevators will be not less than 250 feet long, or equal to the length required for a fair-sized skyscraper.

The company planning this signantic enterprise have also under contemplation a scheme of ameusements to be located on the several different floors, and they propose making the tower a vertiable ex-Alma Samuel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MONTPELIER, VA., March 11.—The merry young folk of this piace, with a few from a distance, gathered at "Claizemont" Thursday evening to enjoy onze more the hospitality of Mr. Travers Thompson. Dancing was indulged in until about 10:30, when the guests were invited into the dining-room where a delightful repast was served. Once more the merry dance began, and only a glance was sufficient to convince one that all present were thoroughly enjoying the occasion. Among those present were: Misses Alma Samuel, Sallie Gilman, Rosa, Myra and Mary Thompson, Elsie and Olive Harris, Lucy Taylor, Annie Cutler, Pert Jones, Florence, Lily and Emma Smith, Mrs. Jacobs and little Miss Rena Jacobs.

Jacobs.

Messrs. Victor and Travers Thompson, Roy and Jeff McChesney, Thad Brown, Penny Gibson, John and Charlie Ellio', Melvin, Sam. Jean and William Moody, Joe Terrell, Edgar Nuckols, Robert, Buddle and Thomas Wickham, Mr. Moss and Mr. Jacobs.

The party was in honor of Miss Alma Samuel. College Annual to Be Gotten Out (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
V. P. I., BLACKSBURG, VA., March
11.—The "Bugle Board," the committee

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

11.—The "Bugle Board," the committee of students appointed to publish the college annual, has been very active recently, getting together the material for the 1906 Bugle. The annual this year will surpass anything ever gotten out. The special features of the book will be the unusual athletic representation and the distribution of advertising matter. The foot-ball team's phenomenal record for 1908 will have special mention, and scattered throughout the entire book among the pages of literature the advertisements will appear. The printing and binding will be executed by the Everett Waddey Company. The annual will cost three thousand dollars or more. More than six hundred Young Lady Got Empty Pistol and Frightened Assailants.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCH STATION, VA., March II.—An attempt was made Friday night about 7 o'clock to criminally assault Miss Mattle Garrity, Dr. W. R. Arnold's housekeeper. Dr. Arnold and his father had only been out of the house, about fifteen minutes when a man knocked at the back door, asking for the doctor. Miss Garrity told him to wait and she would 'phone to Dr. J. J. Board's for him, he having gone there to supper. Before she reached the 'phone the man had forced an entrance. She becoming frightened run for, and secured, a pistol. Just as he caught her by the arm she raised the pistol, which, unfortunately, was not loaded. He let go and ran, threatening her if she made any outery. She then phoned Mr. J. C. Thompson, the nearest neighbor, one hundred yards away, who raised an alarm.

The whole neighborhood responded promptly and the search was kept up until a late hour, but without result.

Dr. Arnold has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party and the Governor has been asked to supplement the same by a State reward. cuted by the Everett Waddey Company. The annual will cost three thousand dollars or more. More than six hundred copies have already been subscribed for and everything points to success.

The publication is managed by the senior class of the institute, and the board has received a full measure of the class' support in every move undertaken. The board is as follows:

W. L. Owen, South Boston, editor-in chief; H. C. Whitchurst, Richmond, business manager; R. R. Heniey, Norfolk, literary editor; J. B. Carey, Richmond, literary editor; A. W. Taylor, South Carolina, literary editor; C. B. Powell, Old Point Comfort, literary editor; T. D. Giles, Mississippi, assistant business manager; James Denman, Virginia, assistant business manager; T. D. Hobart, Virginia, art editor; G. M. Davis, Virginia, art editor.

ANTI-SALOON CAMPAIGN

Both Sides Working to Achieve a Victory in Winchester. Coal Passer Who Fell Down

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., March 11.—The campaign now being waged by Winchester ministers and representatives of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, which will culminate in a local option election on Thursday, March 22d, had a full day in all Protestant churches to-day, each passible properties of the passible protestant churches to-day, each p all Protestant churches to-day, each pas-tor preaching at least one sermon on the subject of local option, and some de-

subject of local option, and some delivering two.

At Braddock Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. J. W. West, of
Richmond, secretary of the league, denounced the liquor traffic generally, and
it was announced that he would make
an active campaign and speech-making
tour of the town this week.

On the other hand, the saloon men are
circulating hundreds of booklets, setting
forth the opinions of Bishop Fotter, Dr.
Rainsford and other distinguished scholars on the subject of prohibition, and are
doing much quiet work.

No big money has as yet been waged
on the result, but both sides are confdent of winning.

Vessel in No Danger.

Vessel in No Danger,
(By Associated Press.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., March 11.—The
steamer Cristohal Colon, bound for the
lise of Pines, which was previously reported anchored off Ocracoke, N. C., with
her propoller disabled, is still at anchor
there. The vessel is near the life saving
station, and is no danger. Toques and Bonnets, with many of her own special design, to which she invites the attention of her



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Write for the immensely interesting and amusing Bill Bailey letters, published monthly, free.

FINED BECAUSE Elated at His Successful Defense,

He Pays All the Fines Himself. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ONANCOCK, VA., March II.-The regular term of the Accomac Court began last Monday and continued all the week. Among the cases decided, was the rule against Captain John W. Bunting, who, in a spirit of elation at his successful defence in an oyster land case, at a special fterm in February, offered each

REWARDED JURORS

cial fterm in February, offered each juror a five dollar bill, which ten of them accepted. Judge Blackstone fined Captain Bunting \$25.00, and each juror \$5.00. Captain Bunting, it is reported, paid all the fines. While Captain Bunting's public offer was not made until the verdict had been rendered and could not have been intended as a bribe, the decision and course of the court is generally approved.

John Price and George Parker, both colored, were also tried for grand larceny and malicious shooting, and sentenced to one year and eighteen months,

ceny and malicious shooting, and sentenced to one year and eighteen months, respectively, in the penintentary.

The maximum capital stock of the East ern Shore of Virginia Fire Insurance Company, of \$100,000, has been over subscribed. The company is rapidly making arrangements to start to work at an early date.

The oyster shucking houses on the senside of Accomac and Northampton counties, have closed a month earlier than usual. This is due to the remarkably mild winter. The season has however, been a very profitable one. Oysters in the shell are still bringing a good price.

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The clam season has just started, and the price for the first time in the history of the town reached fifty cents a hundred. The price of mananoes is also steadily increasing. Some years ago a bushel of mananoes was worth the same as a bushel of corn. Now the product of the water will easily bring \$2.00 per bushel. The big foreign demand accounts for the increased value.

The spring weather of the past week started the work on the farm on a big

started the work on the farm on a big scale. The planting of Irish and the bedding of sweet potatoes was largely engaged in. The acreage of both varie-ties will be about the same as last year.

DUBLIN INSTITUTE.

A New School in the Southwest of Remarkable Growth.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DUBLIN, VA., March 11.—One year ago
at this date Dublin Institute was a matter
of pure conception, and how the school
has a splendidly equipped academic building, two commedious dormitories, filled
with boarders, and is nearing the completion of the sixth month of its first
session. The enrolment now stands at session. The enrolment now stands at 233 students, and seven students constitute the graduating class this year.

On the evening of March 30th, the Agatheridan and Philomathean Literary Societies of the Institute will participate in what is to be known in the future as the annual inter-society celebration. The subject, "Resolved, That Virginia Should Have a Compulsory System of Education," will be discussed. O. C. Cox, of the Philomathean Society, will represent the affirmative; R. L. Collins, of the Agatheridan, the negative. B. C. Horne will represent the F. L. S. in declamation, and F. L. Averill, the A. L. S.

The Hypatian Literary Society, an organization belonging to the young ladies

ganization belonging to the young ladies of the Institute, will give a dramatic en-tertainment on the evening of April 13th, which promises to be a public function of more than usual interest

more than usual interest.

Dublin Institute is the product of a large number of public-spirited citizens in the town and vicinity of Dublin, and promises to be no small factor in the educational development of the State.

REV. MR. LEAKE ACCEPTS

THE CALL TO DANVILLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA. March II.-Rev. W. S.
Lenke, of Richmond, has accepted a call
as paster of the Modett Memorial church,
of this city, his work to begin April ist.
The church has been without a pastor
since last August.
Rev. Leake has been very successful
hoth as a paster and State evangelist.
The field to which he has been called is
a very large one, and it is expected the
church will prosper under his ministry.

Artist in His Line.

Artist in His Line.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GRAHAM, VA., March 11.—John Robeson, a negro, in fall here, has been systematically thieving chickens for several months, and it is estimated that from five hundred to one thousand chickens have been stolen by him in the last year or so.

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ons have been stolen by him in the last year or so.

When it was found that Mr. W. S. Burruss had lost a number, a runner was sent to Bluefeld, W. Va., and it was found that the wife of the accused had at a very early hour sold to Alexander and Company the number lost.

They were dressed and yet warm. A check had been given for them, which revealed the name. These same merchants say they have been buying from these parties numbers of chickens.

Nordica's Narrow Escape From Death on Stage

Famous Prima Donna Led Fainting Into the Wings After Missing Crash of Iron and Wood on Metropolitan Stage-Caruso, Scotti and Others Superstitious. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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NEW YORK, March 11.—Mme. Nordica narrowly escaped being crushed to death by the fall of a massive piece of scenery in the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday afternoon, in full view of one of the largest audiences that has gathered these this season. there this season.

A part of the heavy framework of wood, iron-bound, struck a stage hand, and it was believed for a time had fractured his skull.

Although almost faint with terror, Nor-

The dramatic accident which interactions the life of one of the most popular singers in the world, and sent Max Wolf, a stage hand, to the hospital, occurred at the end of the first scene of the last act of "Il Trovatore," which was being sung

of "Il Trovatore," which was being sung at yesterday's matinec.

It was the last performance, but one of this opera this season and the theatre was crowded to the doors. The entire afternoon had been one continued triumph for Nordica, and the first scene of the last act concluded in a whiriwind of applause that called both Campanari and Madame Nordica before the curtain. Wagnerian Scenery.

for a bare second, and then there followed a burst of applause that was almost hysterical in character.

Campanari supported the singer as she stood swaying before the great crowd, rising in many tiers before her. The pallor of her face was brought into strange contrast by the great sheaf of red roses she held in her arms, and a faintness she could barely resist almost caused her to fall before she could leave the stage.

Fainted After Leaving the Stage

Fainted After Leaving the Stage. She fainted the moment she reached her dressing room, but was able to appear in the last scene with but few traces of her

great fright.

Max Wolf, the stage hand who was directing the work of handling the scenery that was being set at the time, was standing under the frame as it was bestanding mider the frame as it was being swung into place, and being warned
by one of the men above, sprang out
of the way as he saw the "set" falling
to the stage. He was struck by an edge
of the piece of scenery and knocked
senseless, with a great gash in his forchead. The house surgeon cared for him
until an ambulance arrived.
Saturday in the Metropolitan Opera.
House is always known as "honde day."

House is always known as "hoodoo and yesterday's accident fully hears the evil reputation the day has al the evil reputation the day has always borne. Caruso, Scotti and a few others who are in no fashion ashamed of their superstitions always cross their fingers before going on the stage on Saturday and in other ways attempt to protect

Wagnerian Scenery.

Above, the stage hands were arranging the massive scenery of the "delstersing ger," which was sung last evening. One of the heaviest sets was just being swing into position when the breaking of a rope sent the massive framework of wood and from crashing to the stage.

Madame Nordica verning, One of the heaviest sets was just being swing into position when the breaking of a rope sent the massive framework of wood and from curtain to step out upon the stage, following Campanari, who was leading her, when a shrill cry from one of the chorus women caused her to glance upward just as a great, crashing sound rang out through the theatre as tha heavy falling "set" struck a part of fit gallery.

There was but one way of escape open, and with the strange, intuitive presence of mind which appears to be a part of the equipment of actors and singers allie, she sprang through the parted ourtains just as the heavy framework struck the stage behind her.

Through the open curtains the audiences saw the falling mass of wood and canvay and realized the narrow escape the singer had had from instant death. There was a tense silence in the crowded theatre